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## Children's Administration Parents in Reunification

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**What Is The Program Description?**

Funding was made available for the Children's Administration (CA) Parents in Reunification program by the Legislature in 2007. The funds are specifically for chemical dependency assessment, detoxification, treatment, and case management services to clients who are not Medicaid or ADATSA eligible and are seeking to remain or reunify with their families and are involved with CA. These individuals are known as "CA Parents in Reunification" clients and have priority access category status.

A statewide, inter-agency committee developed the implementation strategy for the legislation. Funding to provide this service is allocated to the counties as part of the DBHR/county contracts. The counties, in turn, provide the service to CA referrals directly, or through contracted local treatment agencies. These funds are available in Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Yakima Counties.

The implementation and ongoing support of the linkage between local CA offices and local assessment and treatment offices requires a continuous effort. Local efforts are required to keep the referral and treatment connection open and functioning. Chemical dependency treatment must work with and accommodate unique needs of child welfare. For example, treatment agencies work within an extended treatment and recovery time frame, while child welfare works within much shorter legal time frames that have to do with child safety, reunification plans, and permanency planning.

The Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) in the CA offices are the primary source of referrals and will screen for and refer to appropriate services. Currently, there are 11.7 full-time CDPs in the CA offices statewide. Social workers may refer if a CA CDP is not available in their local office. CA CDPs (or social worker when necessary) will identify clients as "CA Parents in Reunification" on the referral form.

The treatment provider, CA CDP or CA social worker, is responsible for notifying the county when a client may need ancillary services, such as transportation and childcare, in order to participate in assessment and treatment.

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**What Populations Are Served/ Who Is Eligible For These Services?**

The target population is parenting adults receiving services from the CA.

**How Many People Are Served During The Biennium?**

For the 2009-11 biennium approximately 1,500 clients will receive chemical dependency assessments and approximately 1,000 clients will enter chemical dependency treatment.

**What Is The Biennial Funding Amount and Source(s)?**

The July 2009 through June 2010 budget is \$486,000. The July 2010 through June 2011 budget is \$486,000.

**What Would Be The Impact If This Program Was No Longer Available?**

There would not be funds specifically for chemical dependency assessment, detoxification, treatment, and case management services for clients involved with CA who are not Medicaid or ADATSA eligible and are seeking to remain or reunify with their families. Parents would not have access to timely assessments and other treatment services to help them comply with the short legal time frames in reunification plans and permanency planning.

**What Agencies Collaborate With DBHR To Deliver These Services?**

The collaborating agencies include: the State Office of CA, Regional CA Representatives, County Alcohol and Drug Coordinators, chemical dependency treatment agencies, the WorkFirst Division of Economic Services Administration, and the Medical Assistance Administration.

**What Are The Sources For Program Data or More Information?**

N/A